

time academic workload, as determined by the school, leading to a diploma in nursing, an associate degree in nursing or an equivalent degree, a baccalaureate degree in nursing or an equivalent degree, or a graduate degree in nursing.

Indian Health Service health center means a health care facility (whether operated directly by the Indian Health Service or operated by a tribal contractor or grantee under the Indian Self-Determination Act), which is physically separated from a hospital, and which provides one or more clinical treatment services, such as physician, dentist or nursing services, available at least 40 hours a week for outpatient care to persons of Indian or Alaska Native descent.

Institutional capital contribution means the money provided by a school, in an amount not less than one-ninth of the Federal capital contribution, and deposited in a nursing student loan fund.

Migrant health center means an entity as defined under section 329(a) of the Public Health Service Act, and in regulations at 42 CFR 56.102(g).

National of the United States means: (1) A citizen of the United States, or (2) a person who, though not a citizen of the United States, owes permanent allegiance to the United States, as defined in the Immigration and Nationality Act, at 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22).

Native Hawaiian health center means an entity (as defined in section 8 of Public Law 100–579)—

(a) Which is organized under the laws of the State of Hawaii,

(b) Which provides or arranges for health care services through practitioners licensed by the State of Hawaii, where licensure requirements are applicable,

(c) Which is a public or private non-profit entity, and

(d) In which Native Hawaiian health practitioners significantly participate in the planning, management, monitoring, and evaluation of health services.

Nursing facility means a facility as defined in section 1919(a) of the Social Security Act (SSA) (for fiscal year (FY) 1991 and subsequent fiscal years), except for FYs 1989 and 1990, the term

means a “skilled nursing facility,” as such term is defined in section 1861(j) of the SSA, and an “intermediate care facility,” as such term is defined in section 1905(c) of such Act.

Nursing student loan means the amount of money advanced to a student by a school from a nursing student loan fund under a properly executed promissory note.

Registered nurse means an individual who has been licensed by a State Board of Nursing to practice professional nursing in accordance with State licensing laws requiring as a minimum one of the degrees or diplomas specified in this section.

Rural health clinic means an entity as defined under section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social Security Act, and in regulations at 42 CFR 491.2.

School means a public or other non-profit school of nursing, as defined in section 853 of the Act.

Secretary means the Secretary of Health and Human Services and any other officer or employee to whom the authority involved has been delegated.

State means, in addition to the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

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§ 57.303 Application by school.

(a) Each school seeking a Federal capital contribution must submit an application at the time and in the form and manner that the Secretary may require. The application must be signed by an individual authorized to act for the applicant and to assume on behalf of the applicant the obligations imposed by the statute, the regulations of this subpart, and the terms and conditions of the award.

(b) Each application will be reviewed to determine eligibility and the reasonableness of the amount of Federal support requested. The Secretary may require the applicant to submit additional data for this purpose.

(c) An application will not be approved unless an agreement between the Secretary and the applicant school for a Federal capital contribution under section 835 of the Act is reached.

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§ 57.304 Payment of Federal capital contributions and reallocation of funds remitted to the Secretary.

(a) *Annual payment.* The Secretary will make payments at a time determined by him or her, to each school with which he or she has entered into an agreement under the Act.

(1) For any fiscal year for which "set-aside" funds are available, the Secretary will first make payments in the manner described in (a)(2) of this section of not less than \$1,000,000 of the amount of Federal funds determined by the Secretary at the time of payment to be available for making loans under this subpart. These funds will be paid to schools submitting an application for "set-aside" funds to be used only for the purpose of making loans to individuals qualified to receive loans under this subpart who, on the date they receive the loan, have not been employed on a full-time basis or been enrolled in any educational institution on a full-time basis for at least 7 years. An individual may not receive a loan under this subparagraph that exceeds \$500 for any academic year.

(2) If the total of the amounts requested for any fiscal year by all schools for Federal capital contributions minus the amount received under paragraph (a)(1) of this section exceeds the amount of Federal funds determined by the Secretary at the time of payment to be available for this purpose, the payment to each school will be reduced to whichever is smaller: (i) The amount requested in the application, or (ii) an amount which bears the same ratio to the total amount of Federal funds determined by the Secretary at the time of payment to be available

for that fiscal year for the Nursing Student Loan program as the number of full-time students estimated by the Secretary to be enrolled in that school bears to the estimated total number of full-time students in all participating schools during that year.

(3) Amounts remaining after these payments are made will be distributed in accordance with this paragraph among schools whose applications requested more than the amount paid to them, but with whatever adjustments that may be necessary to prevent the total paid to any school from exceeding the total requested by it.

(b) *Method of payment.* The payment of Federal capital contributions to a school will be paid in a manner that avoids unnecessary accumulations of money in any nursing student loan fund.

(c) *Reallocation of funds remitted to the Secretary.* (1) All funds from a student loan fund established under this subpart which are remitted to the Secretary in any fiscal year shall be available for allotment under this subpart, in the same fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year, to eligible nursing schools. In making these allotments, the Secretary shall give priority to nursing schools which established a student loan fund under this subpart after September 30, 1975. The Secretary will make payments to eligible schools at a time determined by him or her, according to the procedures indicated in paragraphs (c)(2) and (c)(3) of this section.

(2) *Eligible schools which established a nursing student loan fund after September 30, 1975.* The Secretary will make awards first to those eligible schools that established a nursing student loan fund after September 30, 1975. If the total of the amounts requested for any fiscal year by these schools exceeds the amount of funds determined by the Secretary at the time of payment to be available for this purpose, the payment to each school will be reduced to whichever is smaller:

(i) The amount requested in the application, or

(ii) An amount which bears the same ratio to the total amount of returned funds determined by the Secretary at the time of payment to be available for